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Lynwood Property in the hands of Executive Branch



Submitted by
Office of the President

On May 3, 2004, the Ho-Chunk Nation announced their intent to construct a 220,000 sq. ft. gaming facility with a variety of complimentary entertainment venues including a buffet, sports bar and grill, coffee shop, steak house, night club, Native American Cultural Center, water park, exercise facility, museum, cinema, RV park and office buildings. The concept was grand and development funding was projected to reach \$1 billion. This vision's only hope for positive traction lied within its prospects that the property would achieve the needed designation of trust status for gaming purposes.

The record indicates the acquisition of the Lynwood property was at least \$24.7 million in tribal Net Profit Distribution (NPD) dollars in 2004. This property was said to contain over a dozen residential properties with homes estimated to hold several hundred thousand dollars in value. Through a series of strategic real estate purchases led by Landmark Development, a firm

enlisted by the nation to acquire and manage what was known as the "Southland Project," the nation began a waiting game. The venue was later established as Lynwood, LLC by an act of the Ho-Chunk Legislature to run the existing sports complex. Soon after, anti-gaming, community-based coalitions formed to protest the effort and the nation, through a hired PR firm, the nation was compelled to respond and improve relations among the local residents.

The initial hope was that U.S. Representative, Jesse Jackson Jr., D-IL would move the status of this property by way of an act of Congress as opposed the traditional but lengthy fee-to-trust process. Following the "announcement" of our interests, any political traction Southland proponents felt they may have had diminished and later opted to apply for trust status through the prescribed process. Mitigating factors became very apparent when essential requirements for the trust application were not made prior to acquisition.

At this point, the political climate in a state with no recognized tribes, tribal trust lands, or land-based casinos further pushed this concept from unlikely to impossible. The nation was now left holding the remains of a fantastic dream and no tribal dollars to pursue further development or no "green light" for gaming which would allow financiers the comfort of lending a sum of that size. Since 2004, the nation has been literally paying for this spontaneous and impulsive decision by way of property taxes, renovations, upgrades, capital purchases and personnel wages/benefits.

Although the LLC was free to operate as deemed necessary, it wasn't so autonomous to be exempt from regulatory compliance and oversight by its sole owner,

the Ho-Chunk Nation. Every year, the nation must conduct annual audits of all entities, including LLCs. Lynwood LLC has been the only agency that has been unable to pass an annual audit since its inception. The firm cites a lack of proper bookkeeping, missing documents, no reconciliation for expenditures, and poor to no communication.

On December 20, 2011 in a close marginal vote, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature agreed to take the advice of our auditors and place the control of the entire operation under the Executive Branch. This has been volleyed back and forth in the past but this time, the move was different. This action was accompanied by a resolution to officially dissolve the LLC in order to gain the needed financial and asset control. The dissolution of this entity ceases all business operations through what is called a "wind up" period. The tremendous undertaking is currently done through a collaborative assembly of Executive leaders who've placed the protection of tribal dollars and their fiduciary responsibility to ensure our property is held in the best interest in the highest regard.

"There is no easy way out of this" says President Jon Greendeer who advocated the tribe shouldn't continue ignoring this expensive and unregulated liability. "This was something I'd kind of hoped someone else would take care of but I vowed to safeguard our interests. I take comfort in knowing that if there is an excellent team to do this" noting a highly dedicated Ho-Chunk staff who assembled immediately to establish the initial plan. Within hours of the vote and minutes of the team's response meeting, the first advanced team was dispatched to Lynwood, IL to secure the assets of the tribal membership and gather information.

A second team arrived later the next morning.

The President believes the daunting task will become easier as more information is gathered. "To avoid overwhelming individual team members, I've instructed staff to hold to their [department's] specific interest(s) and rely on each other for help. Information is our target." The Department of Personnel is there to assess the employees, Treasury for inventory, Administration for security, maintenance and I.T. needs, auditors to cover accounts payable/receivable, and Housing to secure tenant leases and residential inventorying.

Despite great optimism the President's team will get the Southland Project to a secure and transparent operation, the unsavory reality is recouping the dollars paid for the acquisition and millions spent over the last 7 years is not going to happen. This change does not erase the tax burden estimated to be over \$600,000 a year and the facility and property maintenance needs which are currently unfunded (by the government). As we transfer the operational cash management to a regulated financial system, the Executive will be able to present a budget to insure only necessary expenditures go toward the property and that the nation will, for their first time, pass an audit.

The long history and the intermittent volatility of this entire project has crystallized the "hands off" approach of taking any corrective action. With no intent on oversimplifying the nation's 7 year history with the property, it's likely economic development prospects are still alive noting Chicago land business enthusiasts may still feel an opportunity with the Ho-Chunk Nation is still in the cards. The Legislative record and the absence of any further development plans

in the Executive branch are enough to support no further interests at the Lynwood site are on the horizon.

That being said, this LLC is closed. The Executive is focusing on properly inventorying the tribe's property and safeguarding our interests. As for its future, Executive Branch doesn't determine the possession, sale or lease of the property or what business may be conducted. The most optimal solutions will be discussed and determined by the Legislature per their constitutional authority. The Legislature has requested by official motion the Executive Branch prepare a summary or reflection on the entire project history and "where we went wrong" in a lessons learned format. Although ambitious to get the read, the President instructed the Legislature to offer their patience as priority information is gathered.

Great appreciation is afforded to the Ho-Chunk Nation employees who hurried to their homes to gather supplies to meet their obligations for the Nation. They left with the assurance that despite a difficult and uncertain road ahead, they are working for the Ho-Chunk people and they are working together to put the Nation back on track.

Thank you team!

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To the Ho-Chunk People:

Those who know the Ho-Chunk people know a people from a strong military heritage indebted to the service of the warriors from generation to generation. Each era brings forth an installment of soldiers, some of which paid the ultimate price for the ultimate honor. For Ho-Chunk people, this honor is indiscriminate and without hesitation, extended to soldiers of all nationalities and even to both sides of the line.

This week marks the end of an era of Iraq War soldiers who begin their voyage home to be with their families and attempt to restart their lives. As we watched this war unfold in the media, it was evident that the soldiers have taken their military precision to reduce casualties and achieve their goal. Around 4,500 of these warriors walked on in this battle and our hearts go out to the families of these honored individuals.

I want to personally thank those military personnel and their families for the sacrifices made on behalf of our nation. You're not far away from a soldier or their family members. You see the ribbons on their cars and the pictures in their work spaces. Please think of them in your prayers as I extend to you the Ho-Chunk Nation's deepest appreciation.

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In the service of the Ho-Chunk people,

Maqšusga

Jon Greendeer

President of the Ho-Chunk Nation



Jon Greendeer

DISTRICT II: January Area Meetings

BARABOO

Monday, January 9, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

House of Wellness

S2845 White Eagle Rd., Baraboo, WI 53913

LA CROSSE

Monday, January 9, 2012 • 7:00 p.m.

La Crosse Area Branch Office

Three Rivers House

724 Main St., La Crosse WI 54603

TOMAH

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

Blue Wing Community Building

320 Epinal Ave., Tomah WI 54660

MADISON

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

Madison Area Branch Office

1320 Mendota St. Suite 107-108, Madison WI 53714

Legislature moves to dissolve Lynwood

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

On December 20, 2011 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature met, and as the afternoon session had come to an Agenda item that had some in the room on the edge of their seat awaiting the outcome of the proposed resolution.

"The Southland Project" or Lynwood LLC has been the topic of local Area meetings, has lead to General Council Resolutions and even threats of removal from office for some Legislators and has divided the Nation in two at times ever since acquiring the property. In 2004 the Legislature purchased

the Illinois property for 24.7 million dollars. With intentions of placing the property into Trust Status for Gaming, the property has sat and has operated in the red ever since its acquisition.

District 1 Representative Susan Weber moved to allow the Executive Branch to delegate power over the LLC and Property to dissolve the LLC. The motion was seconded; there was some discussion as the process of Dissolution. By giving the Executive Branch (Office of the President) back the power of the LLC, allowed the Executive Branch to take over all operations of the Lynwood

LLC.

Every year the Nation must conduct annual audits of all entities, including LLCs. Lynwood LLC has been the only agency that has been unable to pass an annual audit since its inception. Firm statements cite a lack of proper bookkeeping, missing documents, no reconciliation for expenditures, and poor to no communication.

Although the motion to dissolve Lynwood didn't come until December, there has been a plan in place should the Legislature have taken such action. Planning came in the form of the Executive Directors

meeting to go over details as far back as August 2011. When meeting the Executive Directors broke themselves down in teams, there would be a need for Security, Health Dept, Housing, Treasury, Maintenance, IT and Administration to oversee the dissolution physically at the Lynwood property.

Upon the Legislative session being held on the 20th, there was such a quick, organized response to the motion on the floor. Employees and Directors were in fleet vehicles on their way to Illinois as the Legislature was still in session.

As the "Winding Up" phase began, the LLC continues its Legal existence; it may not carry on any business except that which is appropriate to wind up and liquidate its business. Assets are still being distributed, by determining which items were (at Lynwood) property of the Ho-Chunk Nation or owned by vendors. The President was still receiving reports of the findings. Many reports have not been confirmed, but what is known is that the day to day to operations of Lynwood LLC have been closed.

Dear Ho-Chunk Parents

The Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Division, in an effort to provide Ho-Chunk Communities with current updates regarding parenting issues, will be providing a monthly column in the "Hocak Worak." Please contact CFS with any questions or to obtain referral information regarding the monthly Community Corner articles. 715-284-2622 Ext. 5136.

Community Corner



Student Attendance

One area in which the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, educators, school districts, and Wisconsin Statutes all agree is that children between the ages of five (5) to 18 need to be in school. Communication between parent and school districts is a key to maintaining satisfactory attendance for all students.

An unexcused absence is a child who is absent without an acceptable excuse for all or part of any day during which school is held. A student qualifies to be labeled a habitual truant when he or she is unexcused all or part of five or more days in a school semester.

Each School District sets the policy of excused and unexcused absences allowed for each grade level to ensure school success. Each parent is responsible for knowing their child's school policy. The quickest way to gain this information is through your child's school handbook or by calling the school's attendance officer.

It is important to distinguish that even after a number of excused absences, a limit may be

imposed by the school district. The State of Wisconsin defines: after five (5) unexcused absences in a semester, a student may be cited in truancy court by the school. Again, each district will set their school board standards on this issue. Another point to keep in mind, is that tardiness also matters. Most schools state an absence during any part of the day can affect a truancy issue.

Everyone's intent is to avoid issuing a truancy citation in order to hold the parent and child accountable. Most citations require a payment of a fine. Repeated offenses or ignoring status letters from the school may aggravate the problem and can cause more severe consequences. The Ho-Chunk Nation's Children and Family Code finds Truancy under the grounds for Neglect. The Ho-Chunk Nation has found education of its children as a high priority and is concerned when a parent is failing to provide education for a child. On these grounds, child protection petitions may be filed on behalf of the children for educational neglect (truancy). The school files citations (fines)

through the County Court. Unpaid citations can result in jail time.

Each school district also determines the definition of an excused absence. Usually sickness, communicable illnesses like strep throat and head lice, medical appointments and deaths in the family are considered excused absences. Some school districts allow family vacations if makeup work is taken with the child and turned back in by a certain deadline. Some school districts give consideration to religious practices and cultural events, as long as the absences do not become unreasonable in number.

Communication between the parent and school needs to be encouraged and mutual. Parents are encouraged to share with the school any special medical conditions or requirements at the beginning of the school year or as they occur.

With regular communication between parents and schools, we can help our children succeed.

Diabetes Type 2: What is it and why should we care?

Submitted by Christine (Criss) Swanson, RN – HOW Nurse Educator

Diabetes is a chronic disorder that is associated with high levels of glucose, or sugar, in your bloodstream. Glucose comes from the foods we eat such as breads, grains, and fruit. Glucose is the energy source for the cells in the body. When the glucose is unable to enter the cell, it stays in the blood stream causing a high level of glucose called hyperglycemia.

A hormone, called insulin, is produced by the pancreas that is located behind the stomach as shown in the diagram below. Insulin lowers the glucose level in the body.

Diabetes Type 1 is typically seen in younger children to young adults. This is when the body attacks the pancreas and destroys the organ which is referred to as an autoimmune disorder. People

with this disorder require insulin injections to survive.

Diabetes Type 2 is different than that listed above. First, the pancreas still makes insulin but not enough. Second, the body might not use the insulin properly that is produced by the pancreas called resistance. Therefore, both instances will cause high

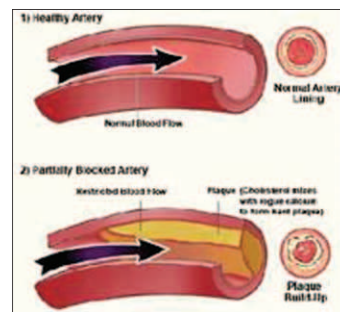
blood glucose levels and over time will damage the inside of your body.

So, why should we care about our glucose levels? High glucose levels in the blood stream damage the inside of your arteries. Arteries are the blood vessels that carry blood away from your heart to all the organs

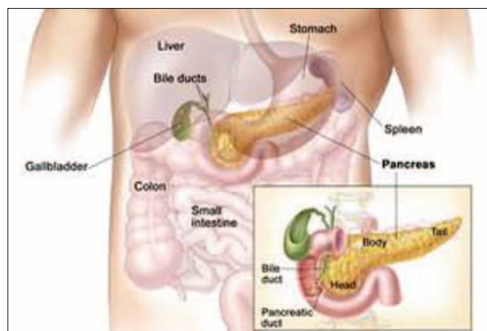
including the kidneys and eyes, for example.

This damage can lead to plaque buildup inside of the artery called atherosclerosis. Plaque buildup contains cholesterol and other fatty substances inside of the artery wall. This buildup will block blood flow putting you at risk for a stroke or heart attack as seen in the picture below.

The long term complications of high blood sugar levels can lead to blurry vision or blindness, kidney damage that may require dialysis, and nerve damage especially to the feet/legs that may end up with an amputation.



This is why keeping blood sugar levels within the normal range will decrease the long term complications. Changing your life style habits is the key to your success. You have the power to control your diabetes by eating healthy, being active, and teaching the next generation how to control this disorder.



Ho-Chunk Nation life skills

Submitted by HCN Family Services Program

Life can be tough sometimes and it comes with no instructions or tool kit. Sometimes you may wish that there was someone there to help with organization, to



work on preparing a budget, assistance in getting a job, or someone that could point you in the right direction when it seems like you're on that never ending round-about that eventually makes you dizzy. What if there was a person or program out there that could help answer your questions or steer you in the right way?

There are truly no instructions that we know of

but the Ho-Chunk Nation Life Skills Program which was created in 2008, can be part of that tool kit to help relieve some pain. It was designed to educate Ho-Chunk people of multiple ages on various life challenges; such as personal finances, career assessment, employment seeking, self-esteem, children's safety, and house cleaning and organizing.

Life Skills offers education sessions by referrals, self-initiated or one or two person or groups requesting training on a different range of subjects.

The office is at the new HCN Social Services Building located in Black River Falls, WI. If you are in need of building any on a particular one or on all of your life skills, contact HCN Family Services Department Life Skills Coordinator, Jan RedCloud, at 715-284-2622 ext. 5121. She is very kind, caring, and easy to talk to; and will travel to areas within the Ho-Chunk Nation that request assistance.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Jan. 6th which will be published on Jan. 13th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center...

Innovative approach to child care centers

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The Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center, located next to the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, is on course to open their doors for business. The Montessori Child Care Center was originated by Nehomah Thundercloud, a former project manager at the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), and a group who met to share their ideas. The Board of Directors includes Justine Hill, Michelle Greendeer, Amanda Rockman, Bonni Bird, Gale White, Nehomah Thundercloud.

Michelle Greendeer remembers the meetings as "think-tanks, and once the ideas were shared it took off from there." Greendeer said, "It was felt in the community

that something needed to happen; meaning the community wanted a school, then a daycare, and then a sort of privatized education. And then we realized that through a Montessori learning environment, we could get all three; Especially the early childhood learning. Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency was able to procure the grant and we were awestruck that this dream/fantasy was becoming a reality."

Greendeer said, "The Board is currently preparing job descriptions, finalizing contracts and standard operating procedures, training certifications, budgets, and personnel issues." She continued, "The Board is also looking to establish a relationship with the Black River Falls School District to get help in attaining program aid and other tips to make

the Center successful. I expect that we should have a fair amount of request for applications as the area lacks enough daycare space/room and the primary schools are all overfilled already."

Montessori learning is based on the individual student's interests and ability. Maria Montessori, the founder of Montessori learning style, was an Italian physician and educator who spent years observing and experimenting with her students discovery and learning styles. Native American students benefit from the Montessori learning, as it involves hands on learning. Greendeer said, **"Our hope is that it (the Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center) will be a true Montessori learning center nestled in a Hocak community with a twist of basic native culture concepts that encourage character development just as much as academic development."**



The building construction is nearly complete. Justine Hill, Grant Assistant at Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development said, "Construction of the building is funded by an ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant - HUD grant), with a match from the Ho-Chunk Nation and HHCD." The building has a geo-thermal heating system which is cost effective, sustainable, and environmentally friendly. The geo-thermal system uses the earth's thermal energy as its source of heat.

Hill also said, "The project received the Leslie and Loretta Copeland Foundation grant for lighting in the amount of \$7,500." The

building is a semi-green and has tube lighting, geothermal heat, and the windows are south-facing (to help with lighting). "Future plans are to add solar panels," said Hill.

When the doors open, the Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center will serve families with infants over 6 weeks, toddlers from 2-3 years old, and also toddlers 3-5 years old. Greendeer said, "Exploration will be the key for student's learning style and for the community about the teaching style that has proven to be successful. We are hopeful that the children will develop a deep love for learning that will last a lifetime."



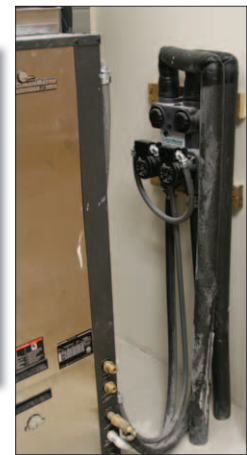
Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center's foundation is set in Summer 2010.



Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center's framed in Summer 2010.



Child and Adult sinks in the CLVM class room.



Geo-thermal unit pipes at the CLVM Child Care Center



Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care Center's awaits its parking lot



CLVM Child Care Center play area

Native Culture, Language, and Access for Success in Schools Act approved by U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On October 20, 2011, The United States Senate Indian Affairs Committee approved the Native Culture Language and Access for Success in Schools (CLASS) Act (S.1262), which looks to provide sweeping improvements to Native education. The Native CLASS Act will amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for the inclusion of Indian tribes, as well as several other laws.

The Act was introduced and sponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka, a Democrat from Hawaii; and co-sponsored by Senators Daniel Inouye D-HI, Tim Johnson D-SD, and Tom Udall D-NM. Senator Akaka is the first Native Hawaiian to be elected to Senate and a former teacher and principal. Akaka said the Native CLASS Act is "how we envision our future." Currently, Native students across the U.S. have the lowest graduation rate and poorest academic performance. He continued, "An education, grounded in language, culture, and local control, keeps our roots alive

and honors the knowledge and wisdom of our ancestors."

The issues addressed in the Native CLASS Act are: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers and Principals; Native American Language Programs; 21st Century Schools; Centers for Innovation in Tribally Directed Education; and Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education.

The Native CLASS Act will require states' standard base assessments and classroom lessons to address diverse learning styles of Native students. The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) hopes the act will incorporate Culturally Based Education, which is "a teaching model that encourages quality instructional practices rooted in cultural and linguistically relevant context. It is the shared way of being, knowing, and doing." The NIEA website says the Native CLASS Act will help create social and economic capital for families, tribes, and communities.

The Act will allocate money to provide grants and scholarships to college student who are willing to work in schools where native students attend, require states to develop alternative licensure and teaching certificates for fluent language teachers who do not possess required college degrees, promotes State and tribal educational agency agreements to ensure and maintain good working relationship and accountability.

The Act will establish the creation of: Center for Indigenous Excellence, Tribal Language Immersion Schools program, Tribal Education Agency Pilot Program, an Indian Educator Scholarship program, and programs awarding grants to Local Education Agencies.

The Act will direct the Secretary of Interior to: conduct research on language and culture based education, to expand programs for Native American school children to learn their native language and culture, to establish an in-school facility innovation program on how to improve Indian schools.



Senator Daniel Akaka, D-HI, sponsored the Native CLASS Act

Wisconsin driver licenses and ID cards are acceptable for voting

A new law requiring a photo ID at the polls has many people confused about what they need

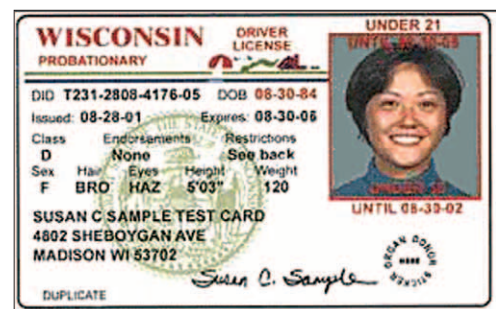
In recent weeks, a number of Wisconsinites have gone to their local DMV customer service center to request a "Voter ID card" only to find out that they already have it — a Wisconsin driver license. DMV Deputy Administrator Patrick Fernan notes, "There is a lot of confusion out there as to what is needed, and we want people to know that the vast majority of people already have an acceptable photo ID for voting, and it is their Wisconsin driver license. We're seeing people who think there is a separate Voter ID card that is needed, and that simply does not exist." What does exist is what DMV has always issued — driver

licenses and ID cards. What is different is that they, or some other acceptable photo identification, are now needed to vote.

Currently, more than 4,114,000 Wisconsinites have a driver license which is acceptable as photo identification for voting. Another 481,810 Wisconsinites have a Wisconsin ID card, issued by the DMV. Wisconsin ID cards are also acceptable as photo identification at the polls. For people who don't have an acceptable photo ID for voting and want one, DMV can issue a photo ID free of charge if they meet the requirements. Driver license

receipts and ID card receipts issued by DMV and valid for 45 days are also acceptable forms of photo ID for voting. For more information, visit www.wisconsinidmv.gov.

The Government Accountability Board notes that an unexpired Wisconsin driver license is the most common acceptable photo ID for voting. An expired Wisconsin driver license or ID is also acceptable, as long as it expired within two years after the most recent general election (November 2, 2010). In other words, if a Wisconsin ID or driver license expired in December 2010, it can still be used for voting purposes in the November 2012 general



election.

More information about voting in Wisconsin, is available through the

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board at www.gab.wi.gov.

Native actress making her mark in Hollywood

"Django Unchained: Christmas 2012"

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Misty Upham is a Native American actress living in Los Angeles, California. She's been seen in the movies like *Skins*, *Skinwalkers*, *Edge of America*, and *Frozen River*. *Frozen River* was nominated for two Academy Awards: Best Actress for Melissa Leo and Best Original Screenplay for Courtney Hunt. The film won the Grand Jury Prize in Dramatic category at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. For Upham, *Frozen River* earned her the Award for Best Supporting Actress at the American Indian Film Festival and an Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Female nomination.

Upham is making news in Hollywood by being cast in Quentin Tarantino's next film, *Django Unchained*. Tarantino has made the films: *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Jackie Brown*, *Kill Bill*, and *Inglorious Bastards*. Tarantino is known for his highly stylized films and great dialogue (especially for females).

Django Unchained already has an "all star" cast featuring: Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo

so I was still really close and connected with my family.

How did you begin your acting career?

I signed up for an acting workshop with Red Eagle Soaring when I was thirteen. My family and I had just moved back to Seattle from a one year stay on our reservation. I was kind of elated to get back to the city and was looking for something to do that summer. I was terrified, but curious about acting. Best decision I ever made.

When did you move Los Angeles? And how are you adjusting to it?

I moved to L.A. about six years ago. I'm a city girl so it wasn't very difficult. I guess the only thing I had to get used to was the heat and ocean side living. But I love L.A. and its culture. There really is no place like it. Feel extremely lucky to live in a town that respects the craft so ardently. Seattle will always be home, but unfortunately it's not a very good place in terms of work for actors.

Are you currently doing plays and films?

I am doing some character development for a film I'll be shooting in the spring. I'll play a mentally-disabled

ceremony, we kind of went crazy with the champagne and dancing. He approached Courtney (the writer/director) and I afterwards and we had a chance to chat. He and I kept in touch and became friends. I was over the moon when my managers told me he wanted to meet about *Django (Unchained)*. The movie was the buzz of Hollywood. Everybody wanted a chance (to be a part of it); so I was extremely grateful and flattered that he'd even think of me. I was so nervous when I met him. I didn't know if it was an audition. We sat down, he explained the character, and basically offered it to me. I sat there like an idiot wondering, "Did he just cast me?" On the way out, the producer followed me because she knew I was confused. She assured me that the part was mine and I laughed for being so dumb.

Tell me about the plot and your character? Is your character a Native (American)?

Django Unchained stars Jamie Foxx and follows the story of a slave who gets his freedom and becomes a bounty-hunter. His main goal is to rescue his wife from an evil plantation owner played by Leonardo DiCaprio. I play Minnie, the owner of a trading post/bar in the boonies. She is Native American, but is kind of an entrepreneur. (She is) rather independent; given the culture and chaos of those days.

Who do you share scenes with? And most excited to work with?

I have some scenes with Jamie Foxx and Christoph Waltz, who was excellent as the crazy Nazi in *Inglorious Bastards*. I'm not sure who the other actors will be. Those are the two I'm most excited to work with. I was like "Well done Quentin for writing my character in scenes with the two stars of the film!"

How do you think the film will be received (the film is controversial due to content and language)?

With the buzz that it's getting now, I can only imagine how nuts everyone will be about it. It's already being touted as the biggest film of 2012. With the all-star cast, I think it's going to be huge. Basically, you can never go wrong with anything Quentin does. He is a master of our age. It's like getting a chance to work with Leonardo Da Vinci. I will have this (experience) forever. (I am) very grateful.

The film is scheduled for release next Christmas. How soon will shooting begin for you?



Misty Upham at the 81st Annual Academy Awards.

Photo by Kevork Djansezian

Production has begun. I'm going to start filming during New Year. Not sure of any official dates yet.

How do you think this role will change your career?

I think it will definitely open up some doors. Having *Django (Unchained)* on my resume will be a big boost. This business is so unpredictable. I can never be sure of how things will pan out. I'm just so glad to work and to finally play a badass. I remember telling Quentin how, as an actress of Native blood, I have made it my mission to break through the stereo-typical roles. (I) was quite tired of playing

pregnant teens and "Indian maidens".

It's been hard, not accepting work and passing on opportunities to stand my ground on that. But now it's paying off and I am being offered roles that are real people with depth and purpose. In the business, as far as we'd like to think we've come, Native (American) men get all the good roles. As a woman, I've grown tired of being in the kitchen or standing in background as a noble and wordless character. I told Quentin that I wanted to work

and have all the opportunities that any other actor in Hollywood has. Sort of break through the glass ceiling; the way Lucy Liu did. Jennifer Lopez, although not the best actor, broke through also and now plays the lead roles that were originally written for white women because she got past the Latina stereo-types. She's an entertainer. I'm an actor. I want to win an Oscar, be successful and enjoy the world as a modern woman. I don't think there's anything wrong with that. He told me that I'm a great actress and gave me priceless advice. He really does believe in me. It's amazing!



Melissa Leo (Academy Award Winner-Best Supporting Actress) and Misty Upham at the 9th Annual AFI Awards.

Photo by Kevin Winter

DiCaprio, Samuel L. Jackson, Sacha Baron Cohen, Kurt Russell, Kerry Washington, RZA, and Wisconsin native, Tom Wopat (Luke Duke).

Upham did an interview with the *Hocak Worak* about her new role. Here's what she had to say:

What's your tribal affiliation and where did you grow up?

I am Blackfeet and grew up in Montana and Seattle. My family moved around a lot. We moved to

Seattle when I was eight years old and I basically grew up in the South Seattle area. We made frequent trips back home to Browning, Montana (my rez)

woman who loses her mother and is seemingly left to fend for herself. I recently went to Oregon to meet with the writer and director and took some time to observe and study some of the inspirations for the film. I haven't pursued theater in ages. I would like to get back into it though.

How did you come across the role in *Django unchained*?

Quentin contacted my managers. He and I met at the Sundance Film Festival in 2008. He awarded us the Grand Jury Prize, which is the biggest prize of the festival. He was such a fan of *Frozen River* and actually lobbied for us to win. After the awards



Django Unchained, will be released Christmas 2012

2011 - Year in Review

Submitted by Hocak Worak Staff

As the New Year arrives and the old year departs, 2011 began the year with Staff writers John Kozlowicz and Sara Peterson "Covering the Nation"; since then, much has happened within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Serving the Nation proud for over 12 years, Kozlowicz was known by many tribal members and celebrated his last day on July 26, 2011 as a staff writer for the Hocak Worak. Both Peterson and Kozlowicz highlighted current events and covered many Historical events of the Ho-Chunk Nation. We say "Thank You" for being a part of the Hocak Worak.

Not only has the Hocak Worak provided pertinent information to tribal membership (the good, the bad, and the ugly), we've also been able to get more high tech throughout year and "social media" friendly through the use of Facebook, Youtube, and of course the new and improved look of the Hocak Worak website.

Below is a breakdown and time travel through 2011 with the Hocak Worak...

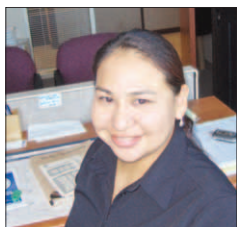
January

General Primary Election Introduces New Requirement

On May 5, 2009, registered Ho-Chunk voters who participated in a BIA sponsored Secretarial Election changed the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Among the changes was the approval of an amendment that requires anyone seeking a seat on the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature after June 20, 2009 possess a four-year college degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

Nation Expands Its Networking

We have expanded to the popular social networking site Facebook, Twitter and YouTube all managed by Ho-Chunk Nation's Public Relations Officer Anne Thundercloud.



Anne Thundercloud - Public Relations Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation and the face behind keeping our people informed through social networking.

Madison Electronic Poker Room opens

Along with the usual New Year's Eve festivities at the facility, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place that officially opened a new electronic poker (ePoker) room at the Class II facility in Madison. Players at electronic poker tables do not play against the computer or gaming establishment; they play against each other. ePoker is a non-banked game; the house keeps only the published rake (portion of the pot). ePoker tables are similar in appearance to traditional poker tables however they do not require a human dealer, cards or chips. The tables have colorful, animated, graphic representations of actual playing cards, chips and dealer buttons.



From left, Director of Marketing Dave Abangan, Executive Manager Carole Lastrup, and Table Operations Manager Casey Fitzpatrick.

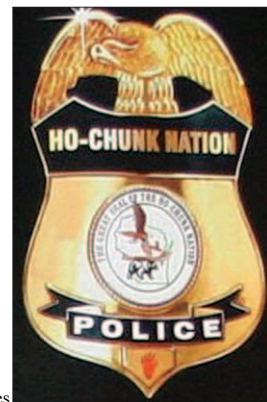


La Crosse Aquinas High School sophomore Bronson Koenig joins a teammate and head coach Rick Schneider after their victory over Lakeside Lutheran in the D3 semi-finals. That victory set them up for a victory over Racine St. Katherines Angels.

February

State Awards Wisconsin Tribes Law Enforcement Dollars

The state has awarded another round of grants to Native tribes to help cover law enforcement expenses. The Ho-Chunk Nation was awarded \$19,751, money that will be used for equipment for the newly formed Ho-Chunk Police Department, training for the Law Enforcement Commissioners and partial salaries of police department employees. Along with the grant funds, pursuant to the 2011 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Program, the Nation was also awarded \$155,006, grant money to be shared with county law enforcement agencies. Under the County/Tribal Cooperative program Money in both programs comes out of gaming money the tribes pay the state per compact agreements and is allocated through the Wisconsin Department of Justice.



Nation Donates to Green School On January 12, Area I legislators

Greg Blackdeer and Clarence Pettibone presented representatives of the Black River Falls School District a donation that will help enable the district to build a new Black River Falls Area Green School-BRAGS. With the land, labor and many of the materials already donated, the Nation's donation is the final step as the school looks to upgrade its current facility, a former Campfire Girls site, outside of Black River Falls.



The Nation's donation to BRAGS will enable the school to have a new building.

Kyle Funmaker Joins the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission

On January 24, 2011, Kyle Funmaker was sworn in as a new member of the Gaming Commission by Associate Judge Amanda Rockman. After Funmaker was sworn in as Ho-Chunk Gaming Commissioner, she stated, "I am very grateful for this opportunity, and thankful to the Ho-Chunk legislators for providing me this opportunity." Funmaker was also presented a beautiful Pendleton blanket.



(L-R) Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David T. Prosser Jr., newly appointed Gaming Commissioner Kyle Funmaker, and Associate Judge Amanda Rockman.

March

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Certifies Primary Election Candidates

During a meeting held at the Executive Building on February 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board certified candidates running for President or a seat on the Legislature in the March 8 Primary Election. All candidates had to submit the required paperwork by January 7 and as part of the background check process, the Election Board verified that each candidate seeking a position on the Legislature have a four-year college degree.

Proposed Assisted Living Facility

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Advisory Board, a proposed Assisted Living Facility is being considered. In an effort to analyze the need, 779 surveys were mailed in late April and early May 2010 to all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members age 55 years of age and older. Housing, transportation, and services were the three main areas the survey focused on. Although the number of returned surveys was low, the results may have a direct impact on the Nation's decision regarding the feasibility of building and operating a facility of this type. Actual locations for the facilities were scored based on the rankings of respondents in each district. The Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo areas had the highest rankings for facility locations.

Ho-Chunk youth participate in Wisconsin's March Madness

Ho-Chunk Youth, Bronson Koenig, a sophomore at La Crosse Aquinas High School and Will Decorah, sophomore at Waunakee High School were part of the action during the Annual Wisconsin Boy's State High School Basketball Championships, held at the Kohl Center in Madison, March 17-19.



Will Decorah

April

A new look! Ho-Chunk Hotel undergo major changes

Ten years after its opening in 2000, the lodging accommodations at Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center are taking on a new and improved look. The new and updated look will feature four classes of rooms; Deluxe, Custom, Luxury and Premium, that will all offer different degrees of amenities.

Records Management Division expands

Recognized as one of the premier programs of its kind in Indian Country, the Ho-Chunk Nation Records Management Division has recently added more space to its cold storage and secure vault areas. The new additions features a 1,400 square foot vault capable of holding over 4,000 boxes of permanently stored records, a cold storage area with the potential to shelve 9,000 boxes, and environmentally clean shredder room and an office to be shared by Records Division personnel.



The Division of Records, "ready to grow" last November.

June

Jon Greedeer elected Ho-Chunk Nation President

On June 7 the voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation elected Jon Greedeer of Stevens Point, WI to serve as the Nation's next President; elected to serve until 2015.

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature places Rep. Pettibone on administrative leave

The Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation placed Representative Clarence Pettibone on Administrative Leave on Friday, June 17, 2011, pending the resolution of indictments handed down by a Federal grand jury against Pettibone and two other individuals.



Jon Greedeer



Ho-Chunk Gaming-WI Dells to open RV Park

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently announced plans to open up a recreational vehicle park adjacent to its facility in WI Dells. About 20-30 RV's currently park at the site daily and a site specifically designed for such vehicles would just be an addition to the current parking lot.

Helping break ground for the RV Park in Wisconsin Dells.

May

Nijzu xocge maņiga dedication

Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells dedicates lower ballroom in honor of the late Alvin Cloud, Nijzu xocge maņiga, "Walking Mist".

Hoocak baseball tournament...reclaiming the title

On May 19 at the House of Wellness, the Tomah, Black River Falls, and Wisconsin Dells students from the Hoocak I and II classes went head-to-head in a game of baseball with the winning champs of Nebraska, St. Augustine third graders. Although the travelling trophy didn't go back to Winnebago, we wait now until 2012 to see if the trophy will stay in WI, home of the cheeseheads; or go back to NE, home of the corn huskers!



Team Nebraska has 2 outs, and 2 on base waiting to advance.

Ho-Chunk community comes together after tornado

On May 22, around 5:30 pm and EF2 tornado briefly touched down just northeast of Tomah, WI, uprooting trees, damaging homes, garages, and touching down in the center of the Blue Wing Cemetery of the Ho-Chunk Nation. As word spread of the damages to the cemetery, people poured out their hearts and their resources. Dozens of Ho-Chunk members, community members and employees joined forces to clean up the wreckage left behind.



Community members and employees help clean up the wreckage left behind.

July

Newly elected officials take office

An estimated 400 people, including past and current Ho-Chunk Nation elected officials, attended the Nation's Oath of Office Ceremony, held July 6 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls.



Newly elected Ho-Chunk officials surround Master of Ceremonies Lance Long at the Oath of Office Ceremony held July 6. Pictured (l-r): Shelby Visintin, Elena Terry, Andrea Estebo, Susan Weber, Lance Long, Jon Greedeer, Todd Matha and Forrest Whiterabbit.

Wisconsin passes concealed carry

On July 8, Governor Scott Walker signed legislation that will allow Wisconsin citizens at least 21 years old to carry guns. The new law makes WI the 49th state to allow concealed carry and leaves Illinois as the only holdout.



Team WI hosts US Indigenous Games

After months of practicing and getting ready for the US Indigenous Games, on July 10-14, over 1,200 young athletes traveled to Milwaukee, WI to compete in one of the 8 different sporting events offered. Team WI entered with 286 athletes and in their Nation's flag. The Ho-Chunk Nation was very well represented with 65 of our own youth competing.



August

Hoocak Hoit'era Immersion Camp

During the week of August 1-5, summer youth employees participated in a "mandatory" Language Immersion camp located at the Ho-Chunk Nation Veteran's Affairs Building. Approximately 25 youth attended and representation from Winnebago was also present.



Summer youth workers and Language apprentices that participated in the one week Immersion Camp August 1-5, 2011.



First batch of Executive Directors confirmed

Housing (Myra Jo Price), Administration (Lynette LeGarde), Personnel (Erica Cloud), Justice (Sheila Corbine), and Health (Dr. Alec Thundercloud).

Indian Ceremony in the park

On August 14, over 300 spectators filled Bowman Park amphitheater in upper Wisconsin Dells to view a display of traditional Ho-Chunk dances, along with a special appearance of Aztec dances; an attempt to relive the days of the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial which was started in 1992.

Alejandro Franco performing Fire Dance

October

Ribbon Cutting held at Tomah Veterans Memorial

On October 8, 2011 WWII Veteran Walter Whitehorse received a Hero's Welcome Home; upon his arrival at the Dane County Regional Airport after flying to see the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.



People of the Big Voice featured at the Wisconsin Book Festival

The book contains more than 300 photos of Ho-Chunk tribal members taken by Black River Falls photographer, Charles Van Schaick, from 1879 to 1942. The book is authored by Tom Jones, Michael Schmudlach, Amy Lonetree, George A. Greendeer, and Matthew Daniel Mason.



November

Cloud Sworn In as Seat 1 District III Legislator

On Wednesday November 9, 2011 Heather Cloud was Sworn In as District III Legislator, by winning a runoff Election against Myrna Thompson for the seat left vacant by the resignation of Elena Terry.



Future site of Kijire Nagu Healing Center, in Black River Falls, at the corner of Highway 54 and Brockway Road.



Kijire Nagu: A 2003 General Council Resolution

The 2003 General Council, held at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center on October 11, 2003, was the birthplace of the Ho-Chunk Nations' proposed healing center now called "Kijire Nagu", which means "the Road to Helping Each Other Heal." Resolution 10-11-03 J: Healing Center for Addictions, presented by Roberta Decorah, was passed with 1048 votes for it, 294 against it, and 132 abstaining the proposed resolution. Groundbreaking is at least two years away.



Thanksgiving Throwdown main event fighters: Kevin Burns and Eddie Larrea at HyVee Hall in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eddie Larrea Fights Kevin Burns

Eddie Larrea, a mixed martial arts fighter and Ho-Chunk tribal member, was featured in the main event at the Midwest Cage Championship 37: Thanksgiving Throwdown in Des Moines, Iowa on November 23, 2011. Larrea took the fight with only a two week notice, after Kevin "the Fire" Burns' original opponent, Jay Woods, was injured in his training camp.

September

Ho-Chunk Nation holds its Annual General Council

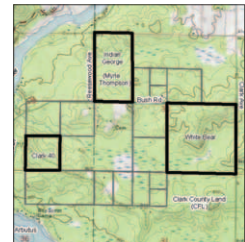
1,796 tribal members registered to participate in this year's General Council. No Legislators were removed, the resolution to amend the constitution which requires a Bachelor's Degree to serve as a Legislature passed, a few disenrollments passed, and the Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veteran's Home Ownership Program passed.



Chief of the Ho-Chunk Nation Clayton Winneshiek sitting, listening, and smiling.

Ho-Chunk Nation celebrates Dells Dam property into trust

On September 15, the Ho-Chunk Nation held a celebration at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls to announce and recognize the hard work and the return of lands that were once our ancestral lands, back to the rightful inhabitants; the HCN.



Second batch of Executive Directors confirmed

Education (Adrienne Thunder), Social Services (Elizabeth Haller), and Heritage Preservation (Robert Mann).

Healing Totem stops in Ho-Chunk Country

On September 22, travelling over one thousand miles from Bellingham, Washington, Jewell James of the Lummi Indian Nation (and his entourage), made a pit stop in Black River Falls to share his totem with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Totem was making its journey onward to Maryland.



(L-R) Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Robert Mann, Jewell Praying Wolf James (Lummi), Samantha Hewakapuge (National Library of Medicine), President Jon Greendeer, Freddie Lane (Lummi) and Gordon Thunder.

December

Language revitalized by Nintendo and Apps

Toree Jones has been in works with her team at the Language Division to make learning the language fun and easy. With Apps, (short for Applications) for both smartphone platforms, the Android and the iPhone, the final stages of completion are expected to be in early 2012.



Screen shot taken of the actual game.

Is Indian drinking “The World’s Oldest On-Going Protest”?

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The following are excerpts from *The World’s Oldest On-Going Protest Demonstration: North American Indian Drinking Patterns* by Nancy Oestreich Lurie. I had originally contacted Lurie in the summer of 2007 as I was doing research on famed Ho-Chunk writer, Charles Round Low Cloud. As I talked with Lurie about her knowledge of Low Cloud, she offered up this article that appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review* in August 1971.

American Indian drinking that starts out with the assumption that real American Indian identity is only preserved in museums and that Indians drink because of an identity crisis. Indian culture has just about phased out, if it is not entirely gone, and excessive drinking by the minority group that still persists as Indian must be due to low self-esteem, feelings of rejection, and the effects of prejudice and material deprivation vis-à-vis white middle-class culture and society. Indians get drunk to escape into a glorified, romanticized past and try to regain a sense of identity as Indians, because they encounter so many difficulties in assimilating into and being accepted by the dominant group and its culture.

As Indian people struggle for a workable cultural and social pluralism, adapting contemporary American economic necessities and some of the amenities to their own systems of values, their strivings seems to be frequently misunderstood. Although at the present time Indian spokesmen are gaining a wider hearing, their insistence that they want to be Indians still tends either to be dismissed by “practical” whites as being as unrealistic as trying to bring back the buffalo or encouraged by “sympathetic” whites as envisioning an actual return to the kind of Indian life depicted in museums.

There is a positive stereotype of the noble Red Man that is supposedly the identity which Indians seek in drunken delusions but which is actually exploited by cold-sober Indians who lecture and engage in theatrical performances. Rather than denying Indians this identity and thereby compelling them to seek it in alcohol, the larger society accepts and promotes it as evidenced by Boy Scouts and similar groups who even play this kind of stereotypic Indian. While we have the stereotype of the “drunken Indian”, we do not have the “drunken negro” or the “drunken poor white.” These other minorities may not drink at all, or they may drink as much as Indians and get just as drunk, but neither their own spokesmen nor concerned outsiders see such

drinking as a special problem.

Early stages of the black civil rights movement, as eventually given explicit expression by Martin Luther King, black people tried to justify their demands for fair and equal treatment by promoting an ideal image of themselves as ambitious, hard working, and in their forbearance outdoing the white man at his own game of Christian ethics. Black violence, like Indian drinking, communicates in mutually understood terms in the respective inter-group confrontations. The negative stereotype of the black, like the “drunken Indian”, becomes a virtue or useful weapon to the in-group so stereotyped, at least up to the point of demanding attention and getting action. The value of the negative stereotype, as a form of communication and protest demonstration to register opposition and hold the line against what they do not want until they can get what they do want.

Indian people want to persist and succeed on their own terms as Indians, while at the same time borrowing freely from the material aspects of white culture. They have maintained this sentiment and have endured for well over a century in the face of public expectation that they would vanish and despite official policies and programs that have been directed explicitly toward phasing them out. Indian drinking is an established means of asserting and validating Indianness and will be either a managed and culturally patterned recreational activity or else not engaged in at all in direct proportion to the availability of other effective means of validating Indianness.

My research design requires that we treat Indian drinking as cultural artifact, applying Ralph Linton’s four-part analysis of artifacts- form, function, meaning, and use. The “form” of Indian drinking is getting purposefully drunk to confirm the stereotype of the drunken Indian. Its function, that is, its relationship to other aspects of the culture or the culture as a whole, is maintenance of the Indian-white boundary by conveying a message: “like it or not, I am an Indian.” Its meaning, the affective part, is to feel good or at least better.

Indian drinking plays upon the notion, widely shared by Indians and non-Indians, that Indians “can’t hold their liquor like white men.” Untenable physiologically, this belief, nevertheless, has a good deal of functional utility in communicating in mutually understood terms. Finally, the “use” of Indian drinking, the way an artifact is manipulated, employed or applied, is to get drunk according to prescribed form with greater or lesser

frequency or intensity as it is called for situationally among one’s one people, other tribes, or white society. Drinking to get drunk may make a person feel good in terms of a very old shared recreational activity of the Indian community. This may not be the non-Indians’ idea of good, clean fun but on close analysis it can be seen to be carefully managed without personal or social harm.

My own observations suggest that Indian people are more likely to get drunk when they feel thwarted in achieving Indian rather than white goals or when their success as Indians or simply individuals apart from Indian-white comparisons is interpreted as success in achieving status as whites.

The community regrets the need for drunkenness just as the middle-class black deplores the need for violence to achieve given ends. There is also the realization that, in actualizing the stereotype or becoming habituated to its use and overlooking other alternatives to achieve given ends, undesirable side effects may offset the original idea intended by the demonstration.

Aggressive behavior is “virtually unknown in sober individuals” while “drunkenness, on the other hand, is frequently associated with violence.” Drinking gives the Indian person “an escape from anxiety about the expression of overt aggression.” Thus, before giving vent to aggressive inclinations, you get drunk or convince yourself and others you are drunk, in order that no one mistakes you for acting like a white man.

The idea that Indians drink because they have a low sense of self-esteem and are seeking identity rely on phrases like those I have also collected in the course of field research: “I can’t get ahead because I’m an Indian” or “I’m as good as any white man.” I feel such expressions or sentiment are used selectively and misconstrued. To me, they seem of a piece with other phrases having nothing to do with anxieties over status deprivation in assimilating into white society. There is also the oft heard challenge, “I’m a bigger Indian than you are,” or put sarcastically, “You big Indian, you!” What is really meant, in effect, is “I’m more genuinely Indian than you are.”

As the mutually advantageous features of Indian-white interaction deteriorated and Indian life became increasingly impoverished, ideals of Indian behavior became ever more difficult to sustain. Additionally, there were pressures to give up entirely ideals of Indian behavior. Getting drunk remains a very Indian thing to do when all else fails to maintain the



Indian-white boundary. It will remain so until Indian groups can achieve new, mutually satisfactory relationships with whites appropriate to contemporary opportunities.

At this point, I would like to discuss three alternatives to drinking as means of validating Indianness. An important validation of Indianness is the ability to maintain a reputation as an exemplary person in terms of basic ideals already discussed: dignity, responsibility, resourcefulness, respect for others, and reciprocal generosity. A second alternative to drinking to validate Indianness is Indian expertise. The acknowledged authority may command traditional lore and ceremonial prerogatives or the local church if it is considerate the community’s own institution. He may be an expert singer or dancer at powwows or an Indian guide to white sportsmen. The authority may be particularly well informed on consulted by Indian and whites about his tribe’s history. A third way of validating Indianness is what might be called leadership. I confine this definition to situations in which Indian people in positions to promote community interests vis-à-vis white society, particularly in regard to government agencies.

Middle-class whites concerned about Indian welfare-missionaries, social workers, psychiatrists, and others-confuse their concern for health and well-being with their embarrassment and disgust at any behavior which to them is déclassé. A persistent white, class-orientated ethnocentrism prevents recognizing the otherwise exemplary, competent, “successful” Indian for what he is-an

Indian doing contemporary Indian things, whether dressing decently, driving a car, or going to college. Somehow, his undignified behavior when drunk, or if he does not get drunk himself, his willingness to disavow or interfere strenuously with those who do, imply that he is not quite yet “just like us.” The fact that Indian drinking distresses and disturbs whites and forces them to take notice may well explain why it can so easily become a form of protest, assuming my hypothesis is correct, in Indian-white encounters and can even help restore credit where one’s Indian investment in Indian community is called into question.

The tragedy is that the Indian protest has been so prolonged that in some cases it becomes a way of life with disastrous consequences for the people concerned. I do not agree with Vine Deloria Jr.’s syllogism that young Indians were sold the notion by anthropologists that Indian live in two worlds; people who live in two worlds drink; therefore, to be real Indians they must drink. But like Deloria, I, too, have “lost some good friends who DRANK too much.” Some took their lives before managing to drink themselves to death. And, like Deloria, my grief evokes anger and bitterness that they died as they did and that others are likely to go the same route so long as we pursue policies that continue to deprive Indians of land, water rights, and other natural resources or so long as we offer them the opportunity to achieve decent living standards only if they measure up to our particular philosophical standards.

In the writing, Lurie

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Parents take initiative

Submitted by
Rep. Heather Cloud

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, the parents residing in Juneau County took advantage of the law enforcement agreement that the Nation has with Juneau County law enforcement. Within the agreement, there is a line item for community events that include the culture, the community, and the county. The intent of the community events is to build relationships between Juneau county and the Ho-Chunk communities.

As the parents residing in Juneau county learned about this opportunity, they formed a committee to organize the gathering. All those in attendance played moccasin game as Parmington Decorah, Waksikma elder, announced the schedule of events.

Snowdrift singers, Indian Heights youth, provided musical chairs tunes that kept the little ones dancing and guessing. Officer Ready was onsite doing fingerprint activities with the youth that the parents kept.

The parent committee (Cassie Hindsley, Janelle Hopinkah, Cynthia Tack, Renee Perez & Tina Houghton) did an excellent job. Thank you for stepping up to volunteer for the children. Thank you to Corey Hindsley and Marion Miner for helping with the games. Thank you to everyone that had a helping hand. Also, thank you to Carson Funmaker and Officer Ready for working together with the community to make this evening a first of hopefully many community events to follow suit.



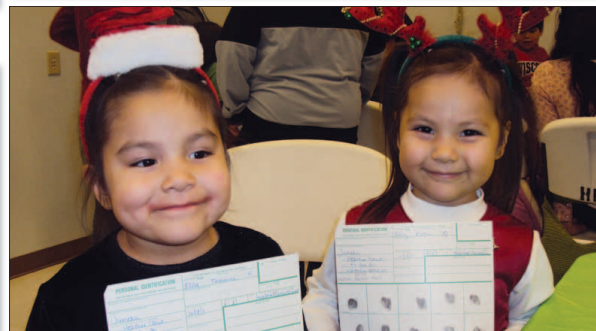
Some of the older youth participate in the moccasin game while others look on and socialize.



Ho-Chunk Youth participate in a round of musical chairs sung by Snowdrift singers from Indian Heights.



The parent committee volunteers and helps with registration and the sign-up for door prizes.



Proof that Officer Ready was onsite doing fingerprinting with Tasheena and Robin King.

On-Going Protest

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gives examples of her suggested alternatives to validating Indianness. She writes about Mountain Wolf Woman as an example of maintaining a reputation as an exemplary person in terms of dignity, responsibility, resourcefulness, respect for others, and reciprocal generosity. Lurie describes her: "she worked hard to provide adequately for her family which included grandchildren and great grandchildren and on occasion children of distant relatives and Indian friends who had hit on hard times. She was secure in her position in the Indian community and commanded respect as an Indian among whites. She found in the peyote religion

whatever comfort she needed in times of crisis, and worked off anxieties with tears or great bursts of physical activity, such as chopping wood or house cleaning. She never drank, and expressed disapproval of drinking for its social and personal destructiveness."

Lurie writes about Charley Low Cloud as an example of having an Indian expertise. She describes Low Cloud: "He wrote a weekly column, The Indian News, for the Black River Falls Banner-Journal, by which it achieved a national circulation among Indian cognoscenti. A classic journalistic brevity under his by-line once summed up the complications of his life: "Not much news this week. Indian

report in jail." Getting drunk was something Indians did. Nor did the local Winnebago people view his drinking with anything but tolerant amusement. They admired and quoted his outspoken criticism of the white man and approved his obvious commitment to Indian values and traditional beliefs. He was dead earnest in his indignation and concern for the Indian community."

In my phone call with Lurie, she explained how Mountain Wolf Woman took in her relative, Low Cloud, in his final moments of life. She cared for him and cleaned him up. Lurie felt this was done to protect Charley's image to non-Ho-Chunks. Whether it was or not, we do not know.

There's definitely something to be said about Indian drinking patterns; and labeling it a protest is a kind anthropological hypothesis. I found the need to validate Indianness alternatives insightful and the entire article thought provoking. Much of it rings true, but doesn't leave the reader excited, happy, or hopeful. Alcoholism and Diabetes are very prevalent across "Indian Country," and both are related to how native people and sugars get along. We all know too much of anything is not good for you. This article makes one wonder, what if we did have all the land and water rights, and programs and policies of the U.S. were in our favor; would that lower

the use alcohol, crimes, and deaths among native people? And what if native people had a shared view of who we are and what makes you an Indian? Would drinking alcohol lose its purpose to validate Indianness? Our shared view should be one free of the "drunken Indian" stereotype and that includes having an education beyond high school. Our diplomas and degrees would be the arrows that fill our quivers, as we do battle in a different environment, like classrooms, court rooms and capitols.

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date

17 Dec 2011 14 Apr 2012
21 Jan 2012 19 May 2012
10 Mar 2012

time

7-10pm

open to all area 7th-12th grade students

The Madison Youth & Learning Center (MY&LC) will be providing transportation to the SOBER SATURDAY NIGHT event on January 21st. Please contact our center at 608-242-1640 or email annette.crowder@ho-chunk.com if you have middle or high school students that would like to attend. This is a healthy and fun way for your students to spend a Saturday night. MY&LC provides advocacy and assistance with school academics while encouraging healthy lifestyles and preservation of their cultural and traditional ways to enrolled Ho-Chunk students in kindergarten to 12th grade. MY&LC supports students in Madison, Cottage Grove, Deforest, Fitchburg, McFarland, Middleton, Oregon, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Verona and Waunakee.

January Elders Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Francis Decorah | 17 Sharon Harrison |
| 4 David Radke | Edward Whitewater |
| 5 Robert Goze | Peggy Crowley |
| Joann Jones | 18 Sydney Lewis |
| Marion White | 19 Truman Lowe |
| 6 Roy Cassiman | 20 Sara Abbott |
| 7 Phyllis Armendariz | 22 Barbara Pierce |
| Cecelia Lonetree | 24 Franceita Decorah |
| Carolyn White Eagle | 25 Julia Littlewolf |
| 8 Bonnie Hanson | Beulah Sayers |
| Ona Garvin | 26 Wilbert Cleveland |
| 9 Betty White | Myrna Thompson |
| Beverly Whitewing | 28 Hazel Shegonee |
| Carmela Root | Berna Big |
| 10 Janice Goldman | Thunder-Hindsley |
| Douglas Greengrass | 29 Faye Larson |
| 11 Patricia Filipowicz | Nadine Sieber |
| 12 Frank Pettibone | Rosalie Two Bulls |
| Benjamin Decorah | 30 Darlene Funmaker |
| 14 Fred Decorah | Barbara Nyhan |
| Roberta Decorah | Cecelia Rave |
| Hattie Walker | 31 Harry Cloud |
| 15 Cleo Mountain | Estelle Whitewing |
| Joanne LaMere | Janice Rice |
| 16 Sharon Whitebear | |

ATTENTION

2011 Tax Document Information that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

- ☐ You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available online at: ho-chunknation.com under Treasury.
- ☐ If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2012 by Feb. 15, 2012.
- ☐ Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. Be sure to update your address with the Personnel Department.
- ☐ 1099's will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

There is a \$5.00 charge for EACH COPY of the W-2 or 1099-M to be reprinted.

It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.





Let us hear your voice...

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources is conducting a survey to better serve tribal members by preserving Ho-Chunk traditions through land and natural resource management. By taking this survey, you will provide your valuable feedback toward this effort. There are 45 questions that should only require a half hour to 45 minutes of your time to complete. All those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win: **Grand Prize \$100** Gift card to Ho-Chunk Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores; **FIRST PRIZE \$50** Gift card to Ho-Chunk Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores; **SECOND PRIZE** Five bags of Daxu Organic Coffee beans; **THIRD PRIZE** One pound of heirloom Indian corn seed.

Access the survey by visiting Ho-Chunk Nation DNR website at <http://ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=51>
Or call the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR office for more information at (715) 284-2852

and earn a chance to win a prize!



MEETING NOTICES

DISTRICT III - WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA MEETING
RESCHEDULED - Wed., Jan. 11, 2012 6:00 p.m.

DISTRICT I - BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Wed., Jan. 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Rd., Black River Falls WI 54615

DISTRICT III - INDIAN HEIGHTS AREA MEETING
RESCHEDULED - Thur., Jan. 12, 2012 6:00 p.m.



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

District One Community Center**PINAGA TOURNAMENT**

Come and join the fun at the
District One Community Center!!

Pinaga Tournament on Wednesday, January 18, 2012
at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

If anyone wants to learn or have a refresher on how
to play, we will be holding a Pinaga clinic on
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 from
6:00pm—8:00pm at District One Community Center

Contact Derris or Melissa: 715-284-0905



CASH PRIZES
1ST PLACE-\$200.00
2ND PLACE-\$150.00
3RD PLACE-\$100.00
4TH PLACE-\$50.00

District One Community Center*Shape Shifters***Men's 16 and Older Category**

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

Women's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

First Weigh-in will be Friday, January 6, 2012 You must have your registration fee
before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, March 16, 2012 .

Winners will be announced on Monday, March 19, 2012

Weigh-in Schedule for Wednesday, January 6, 2012

6:00 AM—9:30 AM District One Community Center

10 AM—10:30 AM TOB

10:45 AM—11:15 AM Social Service Building

11:30 AM—11:30 APM Tribal Courts

1:00 PM—1:30 PM MPC Hotel

1:45 PM—2:15 PM TAU

3:00 PM—3:30 PM—Election Board Office

4:00 PM—9:00 PM District One Community Center



CONTACT MELISSA OR DERRIS AT 715-284-0905

Attention Ho-Chunk Nation Elders Hoarding Conference

Presenter: Mr. Brenden McDaniel,
Certified Professional Organizer in Chronic Disorganization

January 11, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ho-Chunk Casino Convention Center

(There will be rooms available on the night of
January 10, 2012 for the Elders (2 Elders per room)

Please contact Cindy White at 715-284-0811
if you will need a room

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Maraya Blessingame, Petitioner, v. Daniel Eli Youngthunder, Jr.,
Respondent.**

Case : CS 11-67

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Daniel Eli Youngthunder, Jr.

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent
in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to
Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon
you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed
with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second
published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within
your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT
ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy
of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of
record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect
your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or
order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway
54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's
mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone
number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number
is (715) 284-3136.

*District One Community Center**Elder social*

THURSDAY

1/12/12

10:00 AM

Come and join the fun!!!

Bingo
Lunch

Feel Free to Bring a Prize to Share
55 and Older



Time to Talk to Santa



The students ages 3 to 5, walked up to the jolly old elf, told him their Christmas wish and were given a small treat.



Students, teachers and parent volunteers from Neenk Chunkgra Head Start in Wisconsin Dells pose with Santa Claus at the Chula Vista Resort.

Submitted with permission from: Wisconsin Dells Events

**Happy New Year
& Many Thanks**

Child and Family Services would like to thank all the people for donating to the Hocak Woga this year to the Child and Family Services Child Protection, Juvenile Justice and Independent Living Skills Programs 150 children/youth.

Amanda Rockman, Amy Delong, Angie Waage, Arielle Hall, Becky Albert, Birdie Richter, Cari Spera, Casey Osborn, Chandra & Quirino Hernandez Flores, Cheryl Brinegar, Cheryl Kidd, Chester Dick, Christine & Ralph YellowThunder, Cinnamon Lonetree & Leonard Tebeau, Crystal Young-Executive Director of Labor, Dave Abangan, David & Patti Hanson, Eleanor Decorah, Elethe, Ericka Cloud, Fran Rivera, Gary Lonetree, HCN Domestic Abuse Program, Health, Henry WhiteThunder, Jackie Moen-Kadlec, Joan GL, Jon Schrader, JT, Kathy B, Kelli E, Kurt Greendeer & Jodel Treetop, Laurie Duraney, Leah Winneshiek, Lori Dionne, Louise V, Marcus Lewis, Margaret Falcon, Maria Alicea, Mary Thunder, Meghan Gehrett, Michelle Winneshiek, Nancy Rybski, Nichelle Oman, Nicole M Homer-Lundgren, Office of the President, Pat Gerrits, Pat Hagen crocheter-in-training, Paula Ward, Roxanne Whitegull, Ruth G, Ruth P, Sarah Droste, Selina Joshua, Sheryl Cook, Ted Hall, The Ybarra Family, Veronica Espinoza, Wendy Johnson-Kristen N, Wrightville & Shamrock Church Congregation, Zachary Atherton-Ely.

There are probably ones that were missed in the process but

THANKS TO ALL!

Helen C. West (McKee)
Ka-Dda-Cho-Winga

3rd Annual Memorial Service
Saturday, January 14th 2012
11 a.m., Dinner to follow

"Forever in Our Hearts – Forever in the Lord"
St. Paul Council of Churches
1671 Summit Avenue (downstairs)
St. Paul, Minnesota

"All Are Welcome"

Devotions Led by
"Kunu" Dave Russell

Congratulations Montana!

Dear Ms. Garcia:

This brief note is to inform you and congratulate you on Montana being selected as the Black River Falls School's sixth grade "Student of the Week."

The recipient of this award is selected by the teachers from nominations made by teachers, staff, and students. This recognition is based in part on a student's attitude, behavior, and work ethic.

Please inform Montana this is an honor we all recognize with pride.

Sincerely,

David A. Roo

David A. Roo, Principal
Black River Falls Middle School

Good job, Montana!

He does exist...

Santa, otherwise known to some as Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, St. Nick, or even the fat man with a white beard, was spotted this Christmas and even caught on camera; thanks to Bailey Twinn's dad Ed Twinn who placed his trail camera in their living room.



NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION POW-WOW

Joseph J. White
Post 442



Monroe County Fairgrounds (Yellow Bldg) Tomah, WI

7:00 PM - 12:00 Pow-Wow • Doors Open 4 PM, Meal at 5-6 PM

**Dance Specials Raffles Dancer Honorariums
Princes and Ambassador Contest (13-17 yrs old)**

MC: Terry Fiddler Arena Director: Keith Smith

Legion Post: Joseph J. White American Legion Post #442

Host Drum: Pipestone (2011 Nammy Award Winning Group of the Year) & Bearheart

Invited Drums: Wisconsin Dells, Winnebago Sons & Wazijaci

Youth Drums: Snowdrift Mountain & Ho-Chunk Station

Dancers, Head Singers & Raffle Participants please have your Social Security card present.

Find us on Facebook  Tomah New Year's Eve Celebration Pow-Wow

Absolutely no alcohol or illegal substances allowed, all attendants and participants are responsible for their own personal property. Parents and/or guardians must attend to their children.

2011 SOBRIETY POWWOW
December 31 7pm to 1am
Meal @ 5:30pm AODA Countdown @ 6pm
MENOMINEE INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM
Featuring Menominee Tribal Dances
All Dancers and Visitors Welcome

Watch the powwow live at WWW.LIVESTREAM.COM/SOBRIETY

Head Dancers

Curt Moon & Laura Doud

Head Youth Dancers

Mike Fish & Chaunee Doud

Head Veteran Dancers

Bill Waubanasum &

Jamie Awonohopay

Host Drum:

WOLF RIVER

Invited Drums Only:

Str8 Across

Wind Eagle

Smokeytown

Lake Delton

Organized by:

Maehno-Pematesen, MTPD, MISD,

Maehnowesekiyah, YDO,

**Menominee Tribal School, Community
Resource Center, and Probation Office**

Start your New Year in a Healthy Way

No Drugs or Alcohol permitted

-Not responsible for any loss, damage, or
personal injury of any kind

~Food & Crafts ~ \$POT DANCES~ Door Prizes ~ Youth Groups ~ Exhibition Dancing~